RAILROAD COMMERCE.

EXPORTS OF THE LEADING PRODUCTS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY—INWARD AND OUTWARD TONNAGE ON THE C. & O. R. R.—OUTWARD ON THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY, AND THE VALLEY RAILROADS.

According to our custom, annually observed since 1884, we have compiled from reports received from the three Railroad companies, whose lines pass through Augusta county, statements of all inward and outward tonnage by the Chesapeake and Ohio, and the outward of leading products by the Shenandoah Valley and the Valley lines at the several stations in Augusta county to which we add the comparisons of previous years. The Valley management having furnished this specific information upon its entire line from Harrisonburg to Lexington, that will also appear, as to Rockingham and Rockbridge, separate from the station and aggregated reports for Augusta county and city of Staunton.

Scarcely any business interest of Staunton or the country in trade intercourse with it, but is more or less promoted by the publication of these statistics. The railroads which furnish the material for the compilation realize that fact, as to their interests, and in the progressive annual development which is thus statistically represented, the general attention is often arrested, and the eye of many strangers and enquiring observers will dwell upon them to the advantage of our section of country.

The reports are for the year ended 30th of June, 1889, and the amounts in tons of two thousand pounds.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Line.

CLASSIFIED TONNAGE FORWARDED AND RECEIVED IN TONS OF 2 000 POUNDS AT THE STATIONS OF WAYNESBORO', FISHERSVILLE, STAUNTON, AND SWOOPE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH OF JUNE, 1889.

The above are the regular shipping and receiving stations at one or the other of which, all transactions either in receiving or forwarding at sidings and other minor points are reported and accounted for.

WAYNESBORO'.

	Fow'd.	Rec'd.	Total tons
Coal	19	2,145	2 164
Cattle	360	40	400
Horses and Mules,	10	30	50
Sheep Hogs and Lambs,	18	....	18
Packing house products	5	286	291
Hides and Leather,	2	111	113
Wool,	4	....	4
Flour,	818	137	950
Corn,	26	386	892
Wheat,	399	345	744
Other grain,	21	34	55
Hay,	1,129	456	1,585
Other Mill Products,	39	..	39
Tobacco,	4	1	5
" manufactured,	22	2	
Vegetables and Fruits,	386	49	435
Coke,	12	240	252
Cooperage,	105	70	175
Lumber,	4 333	918	5,251
Wood,	698	99	797
Miscellaneous,	4 252	3,637	7,889
Whisky and Wine,	4	24	28
Salt,	1	258	259
Oil and Turpentine,	..	62	62
Pig Iron and Bloom,	100	.. ..	100
Sugar,	....	58	58
Cement, brick & lime,	402	177	579
Machinery and other castings,	358	333	691
Household goods and furniture,	16	26	42
Dry Goods,	4	11	15
Groceries & provisions,	56	198	254
Fertilizers,	27	866	893
Bark,	300	1,092	1 392
Totals..... ..	13,886	12,085	25 971

FISHERSVILLE

	Fow'd.	Rec'd.	Total tons
Coal,	179	—	179
Cattle,	40	20	60
Sheep, hogs and lambs	18	—	18
Packing house prod.	1	—	1
Flour,	18	88	1 6
Wheat,	517	15	532
Corn,	10	14	24
Other grain,	1,514	—	1,514
Hay 1,047, straw 112,	1 159	—	....
Vegetables and fruits	13	5	18
Cooperage,	18	....	18
Lumber,	17	....	17
Wood,	286	....	286
Miscellaneous,	177	104	281
Whiskey and wine,	....	1	1
Salt,	....	1	1
Sugar	....	1	1
Machin'y and other castings	.. .	24	24
Dry Goods,	....	1	1
Groceries and provisions,	.....	1	1
Fertilizers,	10	374	384
Bark,	17	....	17
	6 519	806	7 325

STAUNTON.

	Fow'd.	Rec'd	Total tons
Coal,	28	12,134	12,162
Cattle,	870	830	1,690
Horses and mules,	170	40	210
Sheep hogs and lambs	312	128	440
Packing house products	26	224	250
Hides and leather,	5	45	50
Wool,	2	....	2
Flour,	1,456	32	1,488
Corn,	70	199	269
Wheat,	3,168	255	8,423
Other grain,	279	55	352
Hay,	5,667	11	5,678
Tobacco,	1	15	16
Tobacco manufac'd,	3	26	29
Vegetables and fruits	105	284	389
Coke,	24	....	24
Stone,	400	....	400
Cooperage,	33	1,260	1 293
Lumber,	58	9 695	9,748
Wood,	....	5 324	5.324
Miscellaneous,	11,758	6 881	18 639
Whiskey and wine,	15	700	715
Salt,	7	843	850
Oil and turpentine,	15	385	400
Pig and bloom iron,	60	990	1,050
Sugar,	296	715	1,011
Cement, brick and lime,	264	57	321
Machinery and other castings,	232	204	436
Household goods and furniture	4	17	21
Dry Goods,	153	39	192
Groceries and provisions,	145	112	257
Fertilizers,	1,402	2 859	4,259
Bark,	386	4,260	4,646
Totals	32,001	49,159	81,160

SWOOPE.

	Fow'd.	Rec'd	Total tons
Coal,	.....	77	77
Cattle,	100	10	110
Sheep, hogs and lambs	1	....	1
Flour,	7	4	11
Corn,	18	1	19
Wheat,	388	....	388
Other grain,	4	.. ..	4
Hay,	710	....	710
Tobacco manufac'd,	.. ..	1	1
Stone,	.. .	2 5	215
Lumber,	158	18	176
Wood,	858	....	858
Miscellaneous,	70	83	153
Salt,	...	22	22
Sugar,	2	...	2
Cement, brick and lime	26	....	26
Dry Goods,	2	1	3
Groceries and provisions,	.. ..	4	4
Fertilizers,	....	139	139
Totals,	2 560	358	2,919

COMPARISONS.

Waynesboro'.

Total tons forwarded to, 1889	13,886
" " " " 1888	8,918
" " " " 1887	16,411
The exports of hay in tons from Waynesboro' were, for the year ended 30 June, 1889	1,129
Same for the year ended 30, June, 1888	1,506
" " " " " " 1887	1,469

Fishersville.

Total tons forwarded to, 1889	6,513
" " " " 1888	3,242
" " " " 1887	2 641
The exports of hay in tons from Fishersville, for the year ended 30 June, 1889 [112 tons of straw are also reported.]	1,047
Hay for the year ended 30 June, 1888	1,743
Same " " " " " 1887	1,578

Staunton.

Total tons forwarded to, 1889	32,001
" " " " 1888	24 187
" " " " 1887	18,320
The exports of hay in tons from Staunton for the year ended 30, June, 1889	5,667
Same " " " " " 1888	7,277
" " " " " 1887	2,721

Swoope.

Total tons forwarded to, 1889	2,560
" " " " 1888	2,576
" " " " 1887	6,955
The exports of hay in tons from Swoope for the year ended 30, June, 1889	710
Same " " " " " 1888	678
" " " " " 1887	876

The total exports of hay in tons from the four stations per year for the years ended 30, June, are as follows:—

For 1889	8,533
" 1888	11,204
" 1887	7 797
" 1886	5 807
" 1885	5,484
" 1884	3,870

Total exports of wheat in bushels by this line for three years ended 30th, June, are as follows:—

For 1889	31,361
" 1888	38,040
" 1887	71,833

Total exports of flour in barrels and packages as barrels for corresponding dates as above:—

For 1889	22 760
" 1888	26760
" 1887	40,230

Total exports of wheat and wheat-flour as wheat in bushels for corresponding dates as above:—

For 1889	145.161
" 1888	171 810
" 1887	273,253

The Shenandoah Valley Line.

This line continues to improve in its returns and each year shows increasing business with the people of Augusta through that long border of the county it traverses. It will be remembered that the route follows the base of the mountain and has only the immediate line and one side of it as an agricultural country to draw from. The enlarging traffic in agricultural products shows also the increasing development in the whole South River Valley from Lofton on the watershed of the Southern border to the Rockingham line at the confluence of that stream with the North River, a distance of about thirty-five miles.

Following are the exports of articles in tons of 2,000 pounds from the stations named in order from North to South:

WEYER'S CAVE.—Wheat 322, grass seeds 1, Flour 7 Vegetables 4, Hay 62, Lumber 13, Rough Spokes 84, Cattle 150, Lime 1, Salt 1, Iron 1, Fertilizers 18.

HARRISTON.—Wheat 102, Vegetables 13, Hay 20, Lumber 549, Logs 597, Bark 1,064, Lime 16.

135-MILE SIDING.—Hay 20, Lumber 12.

CRIMORA.—Wheat 70, Corn 3, Flour 678, Hay 718, Manganese Ore 1642, Lime 1, Petroleum, 2, Salt 9, Iron 1, Fertilizers 57.

DOOMS.—Wheat 24, Flour 288, Lumber 2, Logs 111, Bark, 145, Hay 25, Brick 25.

WAYNESBORO JUNCTION.—Wheat 1, Corn 13, Oats 5, Grass seed 4 Flour 480, Green Fruit —, Hay 198, Lumber 20, Logs 42, Bark 113, Cattle 40, Horses 15, Sheep, 9, Brick 525, Lime 1, Petroleum 7, Salt 15, Iron 7, Agricultural Implements 5, Fertilizers 26.

LYNDHURST.—Wheat 45, Flour 8, Hay 385, Lumber 256, Bark 3,034.

LIPSCOMB.—Wheat 105, Hay 75, Bark 23, Cord Wood 60.

STUART'S DRAFT.—Wheat 558, Oats 15, Flour 3 Vegetables 2, Hay 518, Leaf Tobacco, 2, Lumber 1,030; Logs 38, Bark 570, Cord Wood 60, Cattle 20.

CROBARGER'S.—Wheat 12, Hay 12, Lumber 292 Bark 40, Cord Wood, 30, Spokes and Hubs 27.

GREENVILLE.—Corn 1, Green Fruit 1, Hay 10, Bark 24, Cord Wood 79, Spokes and Hubs 17, Cattle 20, Sheep 28

LOFTON.—Hay 20, Bark 120; Cord Wood 583, Spokes and Hubs 14, Iron Ore 2,323.

165-MILE SIDING.—Bark 38, Cord Wood 14, Iron Ore 1,040

Totals.—Wheat 1,239, Corn 17, Oats 20 Grass seed 7, Flour 1,464, Green Fruit 2, Vegetables 19, Hay 2,066, Leaf Tobacco, 2, Lumber 2,224, Logs 786, Bark 5,169, Cord Wood 781, Spokes and Hubs 82, Cattle 230, Horses 15, Sheep 37, Iron Ore 3,363, Manganese Ore 1,642, Brick 560 Lime 9, Agricultural Implements 51, Fertilizers 101.

Total exports of wheat reduced to bushels	41,300
Total export of flour reduced to barrels	14 690
Wheat flour as wheat in bushels	73,850
Total wheat and flour as wheat in bushels	114,850
Compared with the year ended June 30, 18 8, when it was wheat in bushels	22,242
Flour in barrels	11.520
Wheat and wheat flour as wheat in bushels	79 812
Wheat gain in '89 over '88 in bushels	19 058
Flour in barrels " " " "	3,170
Wheat flour as wheat " " "	12,761
Wheat, and wheat-flour as wheat, do	31,118

The total exports of hay in tons for the years ended June 30, were as follows:

For 1889	2 066
" 1888	2 489
" 1887	1 168
" 1886	856
" 1885	1 173
" 1884	673

The export of manganese ore decreased the last, as compared with the former, year but iron-ore, bark, logs, lumber, cooper stuff, &c largely increased.

THE VALLEY LINE.

As remarked in the introduction, this line furnishes reports of exports from the several stations on its entire line from Harrisonburg to Lexington. The statistics pertaining to the stations in Augusta will be first enumerated, and afterwards those in the other two counties. The report only embraces wheat, flour, hay and live stock. Wheat will be computed by bushels, flour first as barrels and then as wheat; hay in tons, and live-stock by carloads.

WEYER'S CAVE.

Wheat, bushels	22,374
Flour in barrels, 1,250.	
Flour in bushels as wheat	6,300
Wheat and wheat-flour as wheat in bushels	28,674
Hay, tons	682
Live-stock, car-loads	26

MT. SIDNEY.

Wheat, bushels	6,171
Hay, tons	312

FORT DEFIANCE.

Wheat, bushels	2,244
Hay, tons	640
Live stock, car-loads	13

STAUNTON.

Wheat, bushels	19,338
Flour as barrels	11,880
Here should be added for the export of flour made by Mr Andrew Bowling from the Augusta Roller Mills in flour as barrels	20,000 31,880
Wheat, computed as wheat, makes in bushels	178,735
Mr. Bowling also exports of wheat offal in tons	750
and his total product in car-loads about	275
Hay, tons	134
Live-stock, car-loads	157

FOLLY MILLS.

Wheat, bushels	4,060
Hay, tons	165

MINT SPRING.

Wheat, bushels	4.800
Hay, tons	78

GREENVILLE.

Wheat, bushels	15.708
Hay, tons	518
Live-stock, car loads	1

SPOTSWOOD.

Wheat, bushels	10 487
Hay, tons	211

COMPARISONS.

The Valley Railroad made no report for the year ended, 30th, June, 1888, therefore no comparisons can be made with that year, and as this is the first year that wheat, flour, and live stock have been included, another year must expire before more than conjectural estimates can be made as to them and for hay in 1888.

The total exports of hay for the years ended, 30th, June, are as follows:—

For 1889	2 529
" 1888 estimated	3,500
" 1887	3 047
" 1886	2,288
" 1885	1,690
" 1884	590

RECAPITULATION AND COMPARISONS.

Total exports of wheat by the Railroads from Augusta county and Staunton for the year ended 30th of June, compiled from the reports by the Chesapeake and Ohio and Shenandoah Valley Railroads and estimated as to the Valley Railroad:—

For 1889—By the Chesapeake and Ohio, bushels	31,361	
By the Shenandoah Valley, bushels	41,300	
By the Valley, bushels	74,701	
Total bushels		147,362
For 1888—By the Chesapeake and Ohio, bushels	38,040	
By the Shenandoah Valley, bushels	22 242	
By the Valley (estimated) bus	25,000	
Total bushels		85,282

Total exports of flour estimated in barrels, explained as above for wheat.

For 1889—By the Chesapeake and Ohio	22,760	
By the Shenandoah Valley	14,690	
By the Valley	33 140	
Total		50,590
For 1888—By the Chesapeake and Ohio	26 760	
By the Shenandoah Valley	11,520	
By the Valley, estimated	30,000	
Total		68,280

Total exports of wheat and wheat-flour estimated on wheat in bushels from Augusta county and Staunton by the three Railroads for the years ended June, 30th:—

For 1889	409 312
do 1888	341,091
do 1887	397 000
do 1886	290 357

Total exports of hay in tons from Staunton and Augusta county for the year ended June, 30th:—

For 1889	13,128
do 1888	15,753
do 1887	10,859
do 1886	8 958
do 1885	8 347
do 1884	6 343

Valley Line—Rockingham Stations.

HARRISONBURG.—Wheat, bushels, 160,500; hay, tons, 665; live stock, car-loads, 56

PLEASANT VALLEY.—Wheat, bushels, 17,358; hay, tons, 287.

MT. CROWFORD.—Wheat, bushels, 62,150; hay, tons, 682; live stock, carloads, 14.

Valley Line—Rockbridge Stations.

RAPHINE.—Wheat, bushels, 59,000; hay, 247 tons; live stock, carloads, 16.

FAIRFIELD.—Wheat, bushels, 7,458; hay, tons, 76.

TIMBER RIDGE.—Wheat, bushels, 6,357; hay, tons, 226; live stock, carloads, 3.

EAST LEXINGTON.—Wheat, bushels, 924; hay, tons, 23; live stock, car-loads, 19.

LEXINGTON.—Wheat, bushels, 25 603; hay, tons, 20.

A BRIGHT OUTLOOK.—The fine crops that have been grown in the South this year will place this section in a splendid fix financially. Good corn crops will relieve the farmers of the necessity of buying western grain and the money realized on cotton will be kept at home. This considered in connection with the further fact that outside capital is coming South for investment in increasing quantities, the outlook for this section is very bright indeed.—*Birmingham (Ala.) Age.*

It was once supposed that scrofula could not be eradicated from the system; but the marvelous results produced by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla disprove this theory. The reason is, this medicine is the most powerful blood-purifier ever discovered.